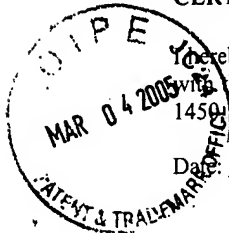


IFW

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL



I hereby certify that the below-identified Response to Restriction Requirement is being deposited as First Class Mail on this date
to the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box
1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450:

Date: 3/1/05

By Kim L Brown
Signature of Person Depositing as U.S. First Class Mail

-- PATENT --

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Saket Chadda et al.	Docket No.:	34759.7017
Serial No.:	10/711,229	Examiner:	Robert A. Rose
Filing Date:	September 2, 2004	Art Unit:	3723
Title:	ORBITING INDEXABLE BELT POLISHING STATION FOR CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2005, please accept this Response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the above-identified application.

REMARKS

In the February 1, 2005 Office Action the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions

- I: Claims 1-13, and 36-49, drawn to an apparatus for planarizing a workpiece, classified in class 451, subclass 65.

II: Claims 14-35, drawn to a method of planarizing a workpiece, classified in class 451, subclass 41.


In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-13, and 36-49, without traverse, for further examination.

Applicants have timely filed this response which is due March 1, 2005. If any extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Dated: 3/1/05

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Laura J. Zeman
Reg. No. 36,078

SNELL & WILMER L.L.P.
One Arizona Center
400 East Van Buren
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2202
Telephone: (602) 382-6377
Facsimile: (602) 382-6070